GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
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SKILL DEVELOPMENT OF NER YOUTHS
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government implements any programme/scheme for skill development of the unemployed youths of the North-Eastern Region (NER);

(b) if so, the details thereof including the salient features of the programme/scheme for the purpose;

(c) the number of such programmes organised by the Government in NER and funds provided/ utilised for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) whether the Confederation of Indian Industry has undertaken various in coordination with Ministries in coordination with his Ministry and other stakeholders for socio-economic development of the Region; and

(e) if so, the key features of the initiatives undertaken for the purpose and the success achieved as a result thereof?

Answer

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region [General (Retd.) V. K. Singh]

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Details of skill development programmes implemented by Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Labour & Employment are given below:

I.(i) Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region - Strengthening of Human Resources, particularly youth has been recognized as an important area for development of North East Region. Hence, "Capacity Building and Technical Assistance (CB&TA)" which is a plan scheme, is being implemented by Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER)for skilling the unemployed youth of North Eastern Region (NER) for employability within and outside NER and also to promote entrepreneurship amongst the NER youths. For the Government sector, it trains mid-level functionaries to enhance their knowledge and to build their competencies which are critical for good governance. DoNER had conducted skill development programmes for NER youths by engaging Government institutes like Tool Rooms under Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprise, National Institute of Fashion Technology under Ministry of Textiles, Ashoka Institute of Hospitality and Tourism Management under Ministry of Tourism, Central Institute of Plastic Engineering Technology under Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers. The budgetary allocation for the scheme during the last 3 years has been Rs.20 crore per year. Programme supported under the Scheme are for the entire North East Region and not state specific.

(ii) North Eastern Council (NEC) also implements skill development programmes for NER youths. Funds released for skill development in the last three years by NEC is as under:

Year	Amount released (Rs. In lakhs)
2011-2012	339.69
2012-2013	554.84
2013-2014	253.63
2014-2015	19.14

(iii) North East Rural Livelihood Project (NERLP) is being implemented in four States of Mizoram, Sikkim, Nagaland & Tripura. Skill development is one of the components which has started in 2013-14 under this project. A total of Rs.132.63 lakhs has been utilized upto June, 2014.

II. Ministry of Rural Development implements Aajeevika Skills under National Rural Livelihood Mission for rural poor in the country including North Eastern States. The fund released State- wise for the last 3 years are as below:

(Rs. In lakh)

State	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Manipur	27.608	-	-	-

Nagaland	183.965	-	-	-
Tripura	97.610	-	744.174	841.956
Sikkim	-	-	-	662.021

Note: In other North East States, skilling projects were not undertaken in the above mentioned years.

III. Ministry of Labour & Employment has operationalized Skill Development Initiative (SDI) Scheme since May, 2007 to provide training in informal sector for employability. Trainings are provided by Vocational Training Providers (VTPs) under Central Government, State Governments, Public and Private sector industrial establishments. Under SDI, there is a component to set up new classrooms, workshops, modernization of tools, equipment & machinery, etc. A total of 505 course modules covering 68 sectors are operational under SDI. A total of 83,141 candidates have been trained during the last 3 years upto July, 2014 by 266 VTPs registered in the North East.

Sl No.	State	Year wise release of fund (Rs. in Lakh) 2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Total
1	Arunachal Pradesh	0	1346.9	137.97	729.33
2	Nagaland	0	1133.93	317.17	247.23
3	Sikkim	0	338	96.32	0
4	Manipur	0	1178.19	495	683.19
5	Mizoram	0	988.52	368.23	588.28
6	Meghalaya	256.36	503.59	0	247.23
7	Assam	227.84	1421.13	222.91	970.38
8	Tripura	58.03	727.81	121.62	488.28
	Total	542.23	7638.07	1759.22	3953.92

(d) and (e) As far as the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region is concerned, the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has undertaken the following programmes in coordination with relevant stakeholders:

Year	Subject	Amount released (Rs. in lakhs)
2011-12	(i) North East Skill Conclave	18.75
	(ii) Development of CD for showing investment opportunities in North East	2.5
	(iii) North East Career and Skill Expo in Mizoram, Meghalaya and Tripura	14
	(iv) Brainstorming Session on Skill Development	2.25
2012-13	(i) North East Career and Skill Expo in Mizoram, Meghalaya and Tripura	13.65
	(ii) NE Skill Conclave	6.25
2013-14	- Nil	
2014-15	- Nil	